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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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MARK L. MCHUGH,

Plaintiff,

No. C 07-03677 JSW

v.

HILLERICH & BRADSBY CO.,

Defendant.

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE RULING  
AND QUESTIONS FOR HEARING  
ON CROSS-MOTIONS FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, PLEASE TAKE  
NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE RULING AND QUESTIONS FOR THE  
HEARING SCHEDULED ON DECEMBER 11, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.:

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The Court has reviewed the parties' papers and, thus, does not wish to hear the parties reargue matters addressed in those pleadings. If the parties intend to rely on authorities not cited in their briefs, they are ORDERED to notify the Court and opposing counsel of these authorities reasonably in advance of the hearing and to make copies available at the hearing. If the parties submit such additional authorities, they are ORDERED to submit the citations to the authorities only, with reference to pin cites and without argument or additional briefing. *Cf.* N.D. Civil Local Rule 7-3(d). The parties will be given the opportunity at oral argument to explain their reliance on such authority. The Court suggests that associates or of counsel attorneys who are working on this case be permitted to address some or all of the Court's questions contained herein.

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The Court **tentatively DENIES** Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and  
**GRANTS IN PART AND DENIES IN PART** Defendant's cross-motion for summary judgment.

1                   2 The parties shall each have 25 minutes to address the following questions:

- 3                   4 1. What was the reason Plaintiff filed a provisional application claiming a glove with “one  
4 or more finger base pads” located “in the area of the A2 pulley” in 2005? What is the  
status of Plaintiff’s two later-filed applications? Are these filings legally relevant?
- 5                   6 2. What is the status of the dispute over the “resilient” limitation? Does Plaintiff  
6 essentially request discovery sanctions in forbidding Defendant to raise the issue in its  
opposition to the summary judgment motion? If so, on what authority does Plaintiff  
make this request?
- 7                   8 3. Plaintiff argues that the Defendant’s Bionic Gloves have pads centered over the A2  
8 pulley region which means they are “located at the proximal digital crease, particularly  
9 in the flexed position for which Bionic Gloves were designed.” (Plaintiff’s Reply/Opp.  
Br. at 6.) Is that anatomically possible? Should the Court analyze the design of the  
10 gloves only in the flexed position? Is Plaintiff’s contention in direct contravention of  
11 this Court’s explanation for rejecting Plaintiff’s proffered construction of “base of the  
12 user’s fingers” in its claim construction order at 11:13-19?
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14 formed by an interaction of the fingers and palm ... and prevent the ligament and  
15 associated muscle and skin tissue from being forced over the fingers”? If so, where  
16 specifically in the record is such evidence located?
- 17                  5. Do the parties have anything further they wish to address?

18                  **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19                  Dated: December 9, 2009

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22                  JEFFREY S. WHITE  
23                  UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE